

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

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WRIT PETITION No.20187 OF 2005

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Dt: 14.09.2005

Between:

S. Kiran Kumar,

.. Petitioner

AND

The Registrar, Osmania University,

O.U. Campus, Hyderabad & another.

.. Respondents

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ORDER:

The petitioner joined in M.Sc. (Environmental Science course) in the Osmania University. His grievance is that the course is being run on self-financing pattern, and for a variety of reasons, the standards are not being maintained. He seeks a direction from this Court to the respondents to convert the course into a regular post-graduate course to be funded by the respondents herein.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents.

Though it may sound abnormal, the harsh reality is that for one reason or the other, the Universities, which used to be seats of learning, are being starved for funds. Situation has deteriorated to such a level that Universities are not able to appoint the regular staff members and most of the important courses are being run by engaging part-timers. It is not difficult to imagine the standards that can be maintained in the process. When the Universities are finding it difficult to maintain the existing courses up to normal standards, it is difficult to expect them to open new courses with State funding. Almost, out of desperation, many Universities have introduced self-financing courses, lest they face the situation of extinction or closure.

There is absolutely no doubt that the cause sought to be espoused by the petitioner is reasonable and useful to the society. However, when considered with reference to harsh realities, it is almost asking for a moon, in the existing circumstances. One can do nothing, but hope that wise counsel would prevail upon the State agencies to realize that educational institutions are the workshops where the human resources can be refined, which in turn are useful for building a nation on proper lines.

This Court cannot issue a specific direction to the respondents to accede to the request of the petitioner. However, it can expect that the matter would receive some serious consideration.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the respondents herein to consider the feasibility of running a regular course in Environmental Science by making necessary allocation of funds in the place of self-financing courses. No order as to costs.

14.09.2005

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